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In re Application of

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Serial No.: This application is a National  
Phase of Patent Application  
PCT/EP99/10242 filed 21/12/1999.

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For: MULTILAYER SYSTEMS WITH AT  
LEAST ONE LAYER BASED ON  
MESOMORPHIC POLYELECTROLYTE  
COMPLEXES, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THEM AND THEIR USE

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into  
the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on  
PCT/EP99/10242 filed on 21 December, 1999.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please  
make the following preliminary amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Substitute for claim 1.

1. A multicoat system comprising  
(I) at least one coating layer (IA) which comprises mesomorphic polyelectrolyte  
complexes selected from 1.1.1 and I.1.2 and which are prepared by